

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: WARD et al
Serial No. 09/137,127
Filed: August 20, 1998
For: **COMPACTED BIOMATERIALS**
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
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Date: August 17, 2000

Group: 3738

Examiner: Jackson, S.

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This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):
Inventor(s): WARD et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

| <u>Application Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u> |
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| 9600800.8 | Breat Britain | 15 January 1996 |
| 9611249.5 | Great Britain | 30 May 1996 |
| PCT/GB97/00105 | | 14 January 1997 |

☒ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or

☒ already filed on August 20, 1998 in prior appln. no. 09/137,127 filed August 20, 1998

☐ already filed in filed

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.

☐ Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☒ The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited.

☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Leonard C. Mitchard et al, Reg. No. 29,009 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Flr, Arlington, VA 22201.

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☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/137,127, filed August 20, 1998, now pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ "Small entity" statement of record. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.

☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

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| Basic Filing Fee | | \$ | 690.00 |
| Total effective claims | 31 - 20 (at least 20) = 11 | x \$ 18.00 | \$ 198.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 | x \$ 78.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper) | | | \$ 0.00 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | \$ 888.00 |
| If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract | | -\$ (| 0.00) |
| | | SECOND SUBTOTAL | \$ 888.00 |
| Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED | \$ 888.00 |

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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